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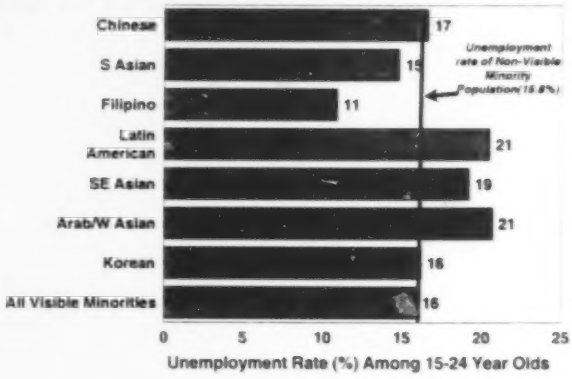
The Unemployment Experience of Young Immigrants

This article examines the youth unemployment rate at the time of the 2001 Census. Emphasis is on how visible minority youth are faring in the BC workforce, particularly those who were not born in Canada.

In 2001, the youth unemployment rates for both the visible minority population and the non-visible minority population were virtually identical, at 15.8 and 15.9 per cent, respectively.

Based on data from the 2001 Census, there is no evidence that the Visible Minority youth population, overall, has any more trouble finding work than the Non-Visible Minority youth population.



In fact, among Canadian-born youth living in BC, the visible minority population actually had a lower unemployment rate (14.9%) than their non-visible minority counterpart (15.8%).

However, there are some visible minority groups that do appear to have a relatively more difficult time in the labour market. Persons of Arab or West Asian descent had the highest unemployment rate at approximately 21 per cent as did the youth with Latin American heritage. Youth with Southeast Asian heritage (such as Vietnamese, Malaysian, Indonesian, etc.) also had rates well above those of non-visible minority youth.

What are the factors that explain why the young of some ethnic groups find it easier to obtain work than others?

Whether the youth is Canadian-born or an immigrant has a large impact on unemployment rates. Among most immigrants, unemployment rates are considerably higher than their Canadian-born ethnic counterparts, and unemployment improves, the longer they live in Canada.

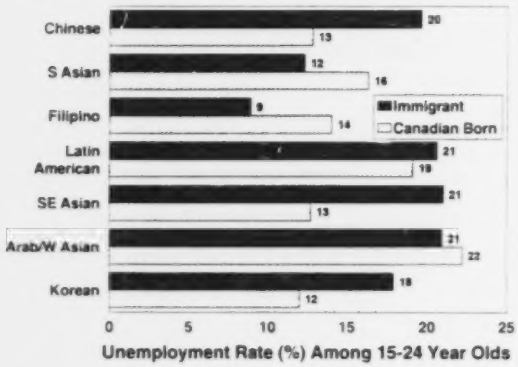
For example, Chinese youth, who represent approximately one-half the total visible minority youth in BC, had an overall unemployment rate of 16.6 per cent. However, among those born in Canada, the rate was 12.8 per cent, almost 7 percentage points lower than for those who immigrated to Canada (19.6%)[1]. The longer the immigrant

[1] As well, the unemployment rate of Canadian-born Chinese youth is 3 percentage points below that of the Canadian-born non-visible minority youth (15.8%).

Chinese youth lives in Canada, the lower the unemployment rate, decreasing from the 19 per cent range among those who came to Canada in the previous five years to around 14 per cent for those who were pre-school age when they immigrated.

While the unemployment experience of Chinese youth is similar to that of most immigrants, the chart below shows that some young visible minority immigrant groups do very well in the BC labour market.

Among some groups of Visible Minorities, the young Immigrant population fares very well in the BC workforce.



Ethnic groups that stand out in this regard are the South Asians (primarily from India) and the Filipinos. South Asian immigrant youth have a relatively low unemployment rate almost as soon as they settle in Canada, averaging only 12 per cent in the first 5 years. Likewise with Filipino youth, but to add to that, the unemployment rate of those who have been in the country more than 5 years is less than 7 per cent. This is an extremely low rate for that age group.

Why the young members of these two ethnic groups seem to fare so well in the workplace is difficult to determine from the Census tabulations available.[2]. Perhaps it has something to do with differing English language knowledge upon arrival in Canada or maybe their cultures are more inclined to form family businesses, thus providing employment opportunities for their children. Whatever it is, youth from these two immigrant ethnic groups demonstrate very strong workforce attachment.

On the other hand, two ethnic groups whose youth appear to have difficulty finding work, are the Arab/W.Asian and the Latin Americans. Both the Canadian-born and the immigrant population have problems—their unemployment rates were close to 20 per cent in 2001. Perhaps the explanation for this is, over the past 20 years, a high proportion of immigrants from these parts of the world have been refugees. Canadian immigration laws do not require immigrants with "refugee status" to have the labour market skills demanded of independent immigrants. As a result, the adult population of these ethnic groups show relatively high unemployment rates, so perhaps their offspring as well are disadvantaged in terms of education and job-finding skills.

Southeast Asian immigrants also experience very high unemployment, but the pattern of unemployment by length of time in Canada is opposite to the norm. The new arrivals to Canada experience rates at the relatively low level of 13 per cent but those who have been in the country for over 10 years

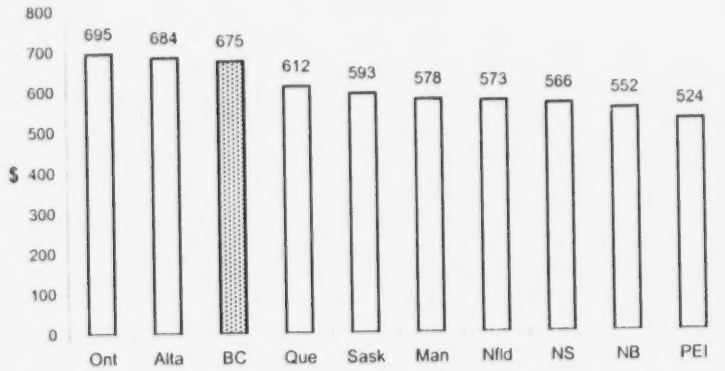
[2] More comprehensive Census tables on the immigrant population are scheduled for release in October, 2003.

have rates above 20 per cent. This reflects the refugee inflow from Vietnam and Cambodia in the 1980s, a group who were likely less well educated than the usual immigrant accepted, and hence their offspring might not have had the opportunities to complete their education.

In conclusion, children of immigrants appear to adapt well to the British Columbia labour market. The only possible exception to this are the children of refugees who were welcomed to Canada for humanitarian reasons and who may require more time to "land on their feet".

Average Weekly Wage Rate* - May 2003

by Province



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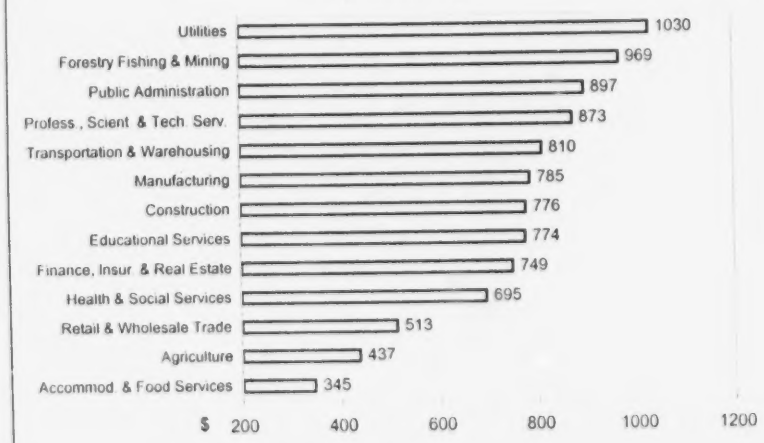
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Health & Social Services 695
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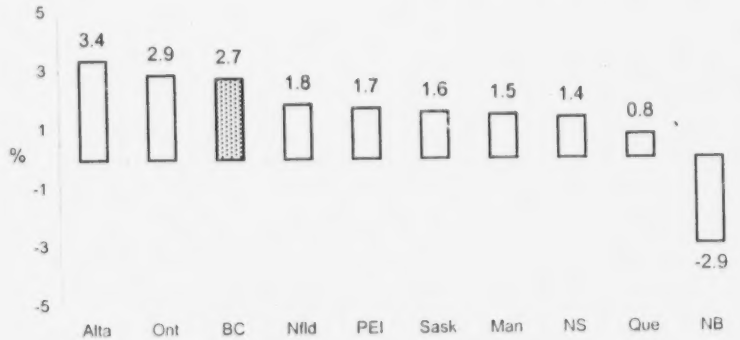
** Latest 12 month average*

Employment Growth* - May 2003

by Province



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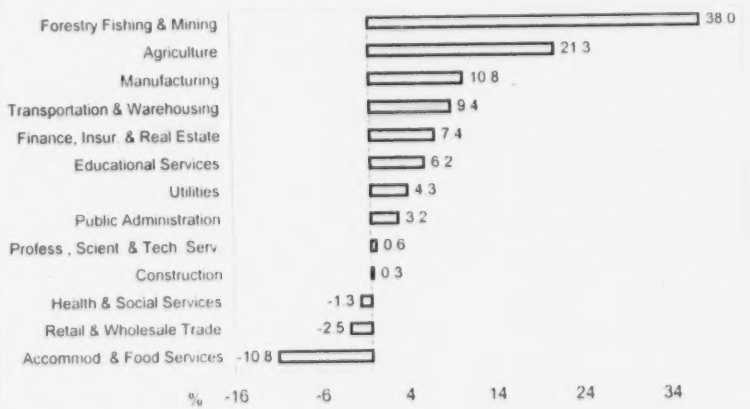
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** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

1 SUMMARY TRENDS

		Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
					Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
		BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
		% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
	1993	3.5	1.8	3.0			2.9			-0.1	3.4	0.8	1.5	9.7	11.4	6.9
	1994	1.9	0.2	2.6			3.3			0.6	4.7	2.0	2.3	9.0	10.4	6.1
	1995	2.3	2.2	2.8			2.3			-0.5	2.2	1.9	1.5	8.4	9.4	5.6
	1996	0.9	1.6	2.9			3.3			0.4	1.6	0.8	1.5	8.7	9.6	5.4
	1997	0.7	1.6	2.3			4.5			2.1	2.6	2.3	2.3	8.4	9.1	4.9
	1998	0.3	0.9	1.6			3.9			2.3	0.1	2.7	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
	1999	1.1	1.7	2.2	1.1	2.7	3.2	0.0	0.9	1.0	1.9	2.8	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
	2000	1.9	2.7	3.4	1.9	3.2	3.9	0.0	0.5	0.5	2.2	2.6	2.5	7.2	6.8	4.0
	2001	1.7	2.6	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.3	1.1	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.8
	2002	2.3	2.2	1.6	3.4	2.5	2.6	1.0	0.3	1.0	1.6	2.2	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
2002	Jan	0.8	1.3	1.1	2.4	3.1	2.1	1.6	1.7	0.9	0.0	0.8	-1.5	8.8	7.9	5.6
	Feb	2.9	1.5	1.1	2.0	2.8	2.3	-0.9	1.3	1.2	-1.0	0.9	-0.9	8.7	7.8	5.6
	Mar	2.9	1.8	1.5	2.0	2.7	2.2	-0.8	0.9	0.7	-1.4	1.4	-1.2	9.0	7.7	5.7
	Apr	2.3	1.7	1.6	2.7	2.5	1.7	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.1	1.5	-0.8	8.7	7.6	5.9
	May	2.2	1.0	1.2	3.2	2.4	2.3	1.0	1.4	1.1	-1.3	1.6	-0.4	9.5	7.7	5.8
	Jun	1.6	1.3	1.1	3.0	2.5	4.0	1.3	1.2	2.9	1.3	2.2	-0.4	8.7	7.5	5.8
	Jul	1.9	2.1	1.5	3.9	2.8	1.1	2.0	0.7	-0.3	2.1	2.3	-0.5	8.2	7.6	5.8
	Aug	2.2	2.6	1.8	4.0	2.5	3.0	1.7	0.0	1.2	3.7	2.8	0.4	7.7	7.5	5.8
	Sep	1.8	2.3	1.5	3.6	2.3	3.2	1.8	0.0	1.7	3.9	3.0	0.3	8.2	7.7	5.7
	Oct	2.5	3.2	2.0	4.3	2.2	3.4	1.8	-0.9	1.4	4.2	3.1	0.5	8.3	7.6	5.8
	Nov	3.5	4.3	2.2	4.2	2.5	3.0	0.7	-1.8	0.8	3.8	3.3	0.2	8.5	7.5	5.9
	Dec	3.5	3.9	2.4	5.1	1.6	3.2	1.6	-2.2	0.8	4.1	3.7	0.3	8.4	7.5	6.0
2003	Jan	3.1	4.5	2.6	3.6	2.2	3.4	0.4	-2.2	0.8	2.5	3.1	1.3	8.2	7.4	5.7
	Feb	3.2	4.6	3.0	3.5	2.1	4.0	0.3	-2.4	1.0	3.5	3.4	0.7	8.2	7.4	5.8
	Mar	3.4	4.3	3.0	2.8	1.6	4.2	-0.6	-2.6	1.1	3.8	2.9	0.9	7.7	7.3	5.8
	Apr	2.3	3.0	2.2	1.8	1.4	2.3	-0.4	-1.6	0.1	2.8	2.6	1.1	8.1	7.5	6.0
	May				2.1	1.9					3.1	2.3		8.6	7.8	
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2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
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1997	572.16		610.70		560.83		501.32		508.22		604.32		548.45		487.77		479.56		440.42		492.79	
1998	579.89		618.35		573.15		508.24		515.55		611.13		555.93		496.06		494.60		446.17		490.40	
1999	595.62	2.7	625.22	1.1	593.60	3.6	524.90	3.3	530.97	3.0	633.05	3.6	565.83	1.8	504.70	1.7	503.35	1.8	462.02	3.6	495.79	1.1
2000	614.87	3.2	637.07	1.9	615.30	3.7	544.34	3.7	549.80	3.5	656.48	3.7	579.35	2.4	532.17	5.4	521.09	3.5	472.06	2.2	524.13	5.7
2001	634.30	3.2	645.70	1.4	651.14	5.8	572.13	5.1	559.28	1.7	678.12	3.3	595.09	2.7	536.18	0.8	540.89	3.8	496.51	5.2	550.29	5.0
2002	650.10	2.5	667.51	3.4	681.54	4.7	587.35	2.7	573.25	2.5	691.46	2.0	606.54	1.9	545.50	1.7	557.51	3.1	510.75	2.9	566.36	2.9
2002 Jan	644.11	3.1	656.05	2.4	662.97	4.6	583.46	4.5	562.28	-0.9	689.28	3.6	602.61	2.8	538.83	-1.8	544.99	1.3	513.39	4.8	556.22	4.1
Feb	645.24	2.8	656.21	2.0	674.86	4.6	582.74	3.3	562.23	0.7	689.61	3.0	601.53	2.6	538.69	-0.8	547.91	2.2	504.46	3.9	553.20	3.0
Mar	647.71	2.7	663.44	2.0	682.08	6.4	581.70	3.6	566.56	1.0	691.17	2.6	601.71	2.3	543.06	-0.1	545.25	0.8	507.40	4.2	560.35	4.8
Apr	650.90	2.5	668.06	2.7	681.75	5.7	585.01	2.4	569.59	1.1	693.21	2.2	607.40	2.2	546.77	1.2	552.38	1.5	519.74	6.4	567.78	3.3
May	650.33	2.4	670.27	3.2	686.17	5.7	585.49	2.4	569.65	1.6	689.99	1.5	607.85	2.1	543.23	2.3	560.22	5.2	516.87	5.1	575.39	4.8
Jun	650.36	2.5	668.57	3.0	687.23	5.8	585.89	2.0	575.44	2.6	689.24	1.8	609.90	2.2	546.20	3.3	555.76	3.1	510.02	4.1	574.80	3.1
Jul	648.92	2.8	663.53	3.9	686.68	5.3	587.59	2.5	583.91	4.9	688.16	1.9	608.54	2.5	546.08	2.6	561.01	3.8	497.72	2.3	540.65	-0.4
Aug	652.38	2.5	667.96	4.0	680.36	4.5	594.47	3.8	585.59	3.9	691.44	1.5	613.56	2.1	546.38	3.3	570.42	4.1	504.84	2.4	554.43	1.3
Sep	654.18	2.3	668.84	3.6	689.43	5.9	594.29	3.0	586.92	5.3	695.18	1.0	609.46	1.6	549.43	2.3	565.45	2.6	508.66	0.5	574.05	2.5
Oct	651.07	2.2	671.53	4.3	679.38	2.6	594.03	2.5	573.68	3.8	692.83	1.7	604.81	1.2	547.54	2.6	558.45	3.4	508.39	-1.1	585.79	3.0
Nov	653.97	2.5	678.18	4.2	685.50	3.6	587.49	1.4	569.42	2.5	695.48	2.0	606.48	1.6	545.35	2.2	560.84	4.1	517.21	0.4	582.87	2.7
Dec	651.35	1.6	676.45	5.1	681.19	1.7	585.02	0.4	572.51	3.2	691.78	1.0	603.64	-0.1	553.17	3.0	564.63	4.4	522.86	2.4	572.38	4.2
2003 Jan	658.15	2.2	679.52	3.6	685.97	3.5	591.72	1.4	569.86	1.3	697.88	1.2	616.43	2.3	556.22	3.2	562.11	3.1	527.80	2.8	577.57	3.8
Feb	658.93	2.1	679.14	3.5	689.76	2.2	599.15	2.8	577.67	2.7	699.38	1.4	613.76	2.0	553.87	2.8	560.51	2.3	541.96	7.4	571.19	3.3
Mar	658.12	1.6	682.00	2.8	686.10	0.6	602.81	3.6	580.87	2.5	694.25	0.4	617.22	2.6	557.75	2.7	565.92	3.8	541.72	6.8	571.99	2.1
Apr	659.75	1.4	680.37	1.8	681.47	0.0	597.39	2.1	578.10	1.5	700.84	1.1	615.79	1.4	556.40	1.8	575.01	4.1	559.21	7.6	584.79	3.0
May	662.79	1.9	684.33	2.1	679.01	-1.0	597.66	2.1	578.69	1.6	703.47	2.0	622.41	2.4	560.16	3.1	586.28	4.7	542.54	5.0	590.15	2.6
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Jan-May02	647.66		662.81		677.57		583.68		566.06		690.65		604.22		542.12		550.15		512.37		562.59	
Jan-May03	659.55		681.07		684.46		597.75		577.04		699.16		617.12		556.88		569.97		542.65		579.14	
% Change	1.8		2.8		1.0		2.4		1.9		1.2		2.1		2.7		3.6		5.9		2.9	

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1997	15.56		16.87		14.76		13.50		13.80		16.31		15.30		12.89		12.87		11.78		13.08	
1998	15.75		17.10		15.14		13.71		14.00		16.45		15.45		13.09		13.20		11.92		12.98	
1999	16.14	2.5	17.26	0.9	15.75	4.0	14.17	3.4	14.44	3.1	16.98	3.2	15.70	1.6	13.30	1.6	13.41	1.6	12.23	2.6	13.02	0.3
2000	16.64	3.1	17.59	1.9	16.26	3.2	14.70	3.7	14.93	3.4	17.58	3.5	16.07	2.4	13.97	5.0	13.94	4.0	12.58	2.9	13.69	5.1
2001	17.18	3.2	17.93	1.9	17.07	5.0	15.36	4.5	15.27	2.3	18.16	3.3	16.59	3.2	14.16	1.4	14.45	3.7	13.22	5.1	14.32	4.6
2002	17.66	2.8	18.58	3.6	17.94	5.1	15.87	3.3	15.69	2.8	18.56	2.2	16.97	2.3	14.42	1.8	14.80	2.4	13.62	3.0	14.81	3.4
2002 Jan	17.61	3.2	18.33	3.1	17.61	5.3	15.76	4.6	15.42	-2.3	18.61	3.7	16.98	2.9	14.49	-0.3	14.76	0.5	14.18	5.1	14.90	4.9
Feb	17.66	3.1	18.46	3.7	17.78	5.5	15.81	3.6	15.51	0.1	18.66	3.2	16.92	2.3	14.55	-0.1	14.82	1.7	13.97	3.3	14.87	3.6
Mar	17.69	3.1	18.50	2.8	18.09	7.5	15.90	4.7	15.62	0.8	18.62	2.8	16.94	2.5	14.58	1.0	14.66	0.5	14.04	4.7	15.02	4.1
Apr	17.73	2.7	18.60	3.1	18.13	5.8	15.90	2.8	15.65	0.6	18.61	2.4	17.07	2.6	14.57	1.2	14.76	1.1	14.00	4.5	15.03	3.5
May	17.61	2.4	18.58	2.7	17.96	5.2	15.82	3.1	15.63	2.6	18.48	1.9	16.97	2.0	14.32	2.4	14.67	3.2	13.53	4.2	14.85	4.6
Jun	17.56	2.8	18.44	2.5	18.01	6.1	15.81	3.1	15.81	4.2	18.46	2.4	16.87	1.9	14.23	3.0	14.58	2.4	13.19	3.5	14.63	3.5
Jul	17.38	2.9	18.31	3.6	17.78	5.3	15.70	3.4	15.72	5.9	18.26	1.9	16.71	2.8	14.22	3.0	14.58	2.9	12.87	2.5	13.91	2.1
Aug	17.44	2.9	18.28	3.9	17.68	5.2	15.76	4.0	15.74	4.9	18.31	1.8	16.86	2.7	14.16	2.9	14.78	3.6	13.02	3.2	14.19	2.2
Sep	17.77	2.8	18.62	3.7	18.17	6.1	15.97	3.2	15.93	5.3	18.67	1.9	17.07	2.1	14.43	2.3	15.04	2.8	13.47	2.8	14.99	3.6
Oct	17.76	2.7	18.78	4.3	18.03	3.6	16.03	3.0	15.75	4.7	18.64	2.0	17.09	2.3	14.50	2.9	14.89	2.5	13.49	0.1	15.21	2.6
Nov	17.84	2.6	18.99	4.6	18.03	3.6	15.97	2.0	15.70	3.2	18.73	1.9	17.09	2.2	14.48	1.8	15.05	3.4	13.83	0.2	15.19	2.8
Dec	17.83	2.1	19.04	5.4	18.00	2.3	16.00	2.2	15.76	3.1	18.66	0.9	17.12	1.5	14.64	1.8	15.06	4.3	14.28	2.9	15.17	4.5
2003 Jan	18.02	2.3	19.14	4.4	18.11	2.8	16.34	3.7	15.79	2.4	18.85	1.3	17.38	2.4	14.80	2.1	15.26	3.4	14.58	2.8	15.51	4.1
Feb	18.09	2.4	19.13	3.6	18.20	2.4	16.37	3.5	15.92	2.6	18.94	1.5	17.42	3.0	14.84	2.0	15.33	3.4	14.95	7.0	15.37	3.4
Mar	18.04	2.0	19.09	3.2	18.11	0.1	16.38	3.0	16.06	2.8	18.81	1.0	17.47	3.1	14.89	2.1	15.40	5.0	14.90	6.1	15.46	2.9
Apr	18.04	1.7	19.03	2.3	18.09	-0.2	16.35	2.8	15.87	1.4	18.90	1.6	17.39	1.9	14.87	2.1	15.45	4.7	15.01	7.2	15.70	4.5
May	17.98	2.2	18.99	2.2	17.85	-0.6	16.13	2.0	15.85	1.4	18.88	2.2	17.42	2.7	14.78	3.2	15.60	6.3	14.41	6.5	15.52	4.5
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Average:																						
Jan-May02	17.66		18.49		17.91		15.84		15.57		18.60		16.98		14.50		14.73		13.94		14.93	
Jan-May03	18.04		19.08		18.07		16.31		15.90		18.88		17.42		14.84		15.41		14.77		15.51	
% Change	2.1		3.1		0.9		3.0		2.1		1.5		2.6		2.3		4.6		5.9		3.9	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	12,857.5		1,675.9		1,294.8		450.8		506.5		4,973.8		3,039.9		301.5		367.9		54.4		191.9	
1994	13,111.7	2.0	1,754.0	4.7	1,331.6	2.8	455.7	1.1	509.5	0.6	5,039.2	1.3	3,100.6	2.0	300.2	-0.4	373.3	1.5	55.4	1.8	192.2	0.2
1995	13,356.9	1.9	1,792.3	2.2	1,369.3	2.8	459.4	0.8	519.0	1.9	5,130.6	1.8	3,147.5	1.5	309.9	3.2	377.1	1.0	57.3	3.4	194.3	1.1
1996	13,462.6	0.8	1,821.2	1.6	1,408.4	2.9	457.5	-0.4	518.6	-0.1	5,180.8	1.0	3,145.9	-0.1	306.2	-1.2	378.1	0.3	58.9	2.8	187.0	-3.8
1997	13,774.4	2.3	1,869.0	2.6	1,457.9	3.5	470.0	2.7	525.6	1.3	5,313.4	2.6	3,195.1	1.6	310.7	1.5	384.3	1.6	59.2	0.5	189.3	1.2
1998	14,140.4	2.7	1,870.2	0.1	1,515.4	3.9	476.3	1.3	535.7	1.9	5,490.0	3.3	3,281.5	2.7	317.8	2.3	398.9	3.8	60.4	2.0	194.2	2.6
1999	14,531.2	2.8	1,906.4	1.9	1,553.3	2.5	480.1	0.8	542.7	1.3	5,688.1	3.6	3,357.4	2.3	328.4	3.3	408.6	2.4	61.3	1.5	204.9	5.5
2000	14,909.7	2.6	1,949.1	2.2	1,588.2	2.2	485.0	1.0	554.4	2.2	5,872.1	3.2	3,437.7	2.4	334.4	1.8	419.5	2.7	64.5	5.2	204.6	-0.1
2001	15,076.8	1.1	1,942.4	-0.3	1,632.1	2.8	472.4	-2.6	557.9	0.6	5,962.7	1.5	3,474.5	1.1	334.4	0.0	423.3	0.9	65.9	2.2	211.3	3.3
2002	15,411.8	2.2	1,973.4	1.6	1,673.8	2.6	482.0	2.0	567.0	1.6	6,068.0	1.8	3,592.7	3.4	345.6	3.3	428.4	1.2	67.1	1.8	213.9	1.2
2002 Jan	14,796.7	0.8	1,899.6	-0.1	1,627.3	2.3	458.7	-2.4	553.7	1.6	5,863.3	0.2	3,407.5	1.7	321.4	0.2	410.0	2.3	59.7	1.0	195.5	2.4
Feb	14,860.2	0.9	1,903.7	-1.2	1,623.3	1.2	464.9	0.2	551.2	0.8	5,892.5	1.0	3,441.1	1.9	321.7	2.7	406.4	-0.1	60.6	0.3	194.8	1.9
Mar	14,980.1	1.5	1,920.6	-1.4	1,639.3	2.6	465.7	-0.2	559.6	2.1	5,914.1	1.1	3,483.6	2.9	326.8	5.6	410.1	1.4	61.5	0.7	198.8	3.0
Apr	15,095.1	1.5	1,938.1	0.1	1,631.6	1.5	464.3	-0.2	557.0	1.4	5,953.9	0.7	3,534.7	3.7	331.3	4.2	415.5	1.8	64.0	5.4	204.7	3.2
May	15,469.0	1.6	1,961.8	-1.2	1,670.0	1.3	486.1	2.3	568.9	1.3	6,076.7	0.8	3,634.6	4.4	349.2	3.8	434.9	3.1	70.2	1.6	216.5	0.1
Jun	15,723.9	2.2	2,010.7	1.3	1,698.8	1.7	494.3	2.7	580.6	2.6	6,128.5	1.1	3,707.2	4.5	360.3	2.9	441.2	1.8	72.7	0.1	229.5	1.3
Jul	15,810.9	2.3	2,023.0	2.1	1,718.7	3.6	494.2	1.5	576.9	2.5	6,154.5	1.3	3,724.1	3.8	364.2	3.2	442.5	-0.5	72.3	0.1	240.7	3.2
Aug	15,850.2	2.8	2,035.3	3.7	1,716.6	3.6	496.4	1.2	574.3	2.1	6,223.7	2.3	3,682.1	3.3	367.8	3.1	447.3	1.5	74.0	2.6	232.8	1.9
Sep	15,613.4	2.9	2,020.6	3.9	1,680.4	2.3	493.7	4.1	573.5	1.7	6,122.3	2.9	3,636.5	3.1	359.6	4.1	434.1	1.0	71.7	3.9	221.0	0.6
Oct	15,613.3	3.1	2,002.5	4.1	1,681.6	2.6	492.2	4.7	571.4	1.1	6,157.2	3.2	3,636.3	3.2	354.3	3.0	434.6	0.0	69.0	2.4	214.3	-1.2
Nov	15,580.4	3.3	1,987.9	3.8	1,698.0	3.7	489.0	5.3	567.9	1.0	6,175.3	3.3	3,606.0	3.6	348.8	3.9	432.2	0.8	65.1	1.6	210.2	-1.1
Dec	15,548.8	3.7	1,977.0	4.1	1,700.6	4.2	484.2	5.4	569.0	1.4	6,153.7	3.3	3,618.7	4.8	341.9	3.7	431.6	1.5	64.0	2.6	208.1	-0.3
2003 Jan	15,266.3	3.2	1,944.5	2.4	1,667.5	2.5	475.5	3.7	555.4	0.3	6,080.7	3.7	3,534.3	3.7	329.7	2.6	417.7	1.9	61.4	2.8	199.6	2.1
Feb	15,375.7	3.5	1,971.3	3.6	1,677.4	3.3	475.5	2.3	556.6	1.0	6,120.1	3.9	3,564.4	3.6	329.6	2.5	417.4	2.7	62.1	2.5	201.1	3.2
Mar	15,424.0	3.0	1,998.2	4.0	1,680.2	2.5	477.1	2.4	559.7	0.0	6,134.7	3.7	3,557.9	2.1	331.4	1.4	419.9	2.4	62.3	1.3	202.6	1.9
Apr	15,478.7	2.5	1,993.9	2.9	1,678.9	2.9	477.2	2.8	564.4	1.3	6,142.9	3.2	3,595.5	1.7	330.4	-0.3	427.2	2.8	63.3	-1.1	205.1	0.2
May	15,799.6	2.1	2,015.6	2.7	1,726.4	3.4	493.7	1.6	577.3	1.5	6,251.3	2.9	3,663.6	0.8	338.9	-2.9	440.9	1.4	71.4	1.7	220.5	1.8
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Average:																						
Jan-May02	15,040.2		1,924.8		1,638.3		467.9		558.1		5,940.1		3,500.3		330.1		415.4		63.2		202.1	
Jan-May03	15,468.9		1,984.7		1,686.1		479.8		562.7		6,145.9		3,583.1		332.0		424.6		64.1		205.8	
% Change	2.8		3.1		2.9		2.5		0.8		3.5		2.4		0.6		2.2		1.4		1.8	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	33.8		33.2		34.9		35.1		33.7		33.9		33.2		34.3		33.6		33.8		32.8	
1994	34.2	1.2	33.2	0.0	35.6	2.0	35.6	1.4	34.1	1.2	34.3	1.2	33.9	2.1	35.0	2.0	34.0	1.2	34.7	2.7	33.2	1.2
1995	34.0	-0.6	33.1	-0.3	35.3	-0.8	35.3	-0.8	33.9	-0.6	34.0	-0.9	33.5	-1.2	34.8	-0.6	33.8	-0.6	34.9	0.6	33.3	0.3
1996	34.2	0.6	33.1	0.0	35.7	1.1	35.8	1.4	34.3	1.2	34.4	1.2	33.4	-0.3	35.0	0.6	34.0	0.6	35.5	1.7	33.8	1.5
1997	34.2	0.0	33.0	-0.3	35.8	0.3	35.7	-0.3	34.5	0.6	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	35.0	0.0	34.1	0.3	35.3	-0.6	34.1	0.9
1998	33.9	-0.9	32.5	-1.5	34.8	-2.8	35.0	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	34.5	0.0	33.1	-0.9	34.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3	34.7	-1.7	34.0	-0.3
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	34.9	0.3	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.6	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.9	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.3	2.5	35.7	2.3	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.8	0.6	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.5	1.4	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.3	35.6	-0.3	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.7	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.0	-1.4	34.6	-1.1
2002	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-0.6	34.7	-2.5	34.1	-1.7	33.2	-2.4	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.5	-0.6	33.3	-1.5	34.6	-1.1	34.2	-1.2
2002 Jan	34.1	-1.4	32.7	-1.8	35.4	-1.7	34.1	-0.3	34.1	0.0	34.7	-1.4	33.3	-2.1	34.9	-1.1	33.8	0.6	32.8	-4.9	33.6	-3.4
Feb	34.0	-1.7	32.7	-1.8	34.8	-3.6	34.3	1.2	33.8	0.0	34.6	-1.7	33.3	-1.8	34.4	-0.6	33.9	0.0	32.8	-0.3	33.4	0.9
Mar	33.4	-1.5	32.9	-2.4	35.7	-3.5	34.6	-0.9	34.1	-0.6	32.7	-0.6	33.6	-1.5	34.4	-1.1	31.7	-1.2	32.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3
Apr	34.7	5.5	33.1	6.8	35.8	5.6	35.3	9.0	34.7	4.2	35.2	3.5	34.2	8.6	35.1	5.7	34.1	3.0	34.6	6.5	34.6	9.8
May	34.9	-1.1	33.4	0.9	35.9	-1.9	37.4	-0.8	34.6	-2.8	35.1	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	35.8	0.0	34.9	-2.2	37.9	1.1	35.6	-2.5
Jun	35.2	-0.6	33.4	0.3	36.2	-1.9	35.7	-2.2	34.6	-2.3	35.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	36.2	-1.1	35.7	-1.4	38.7	2.7	37.5	-1.3
Jul	31.0	-0.3	31.4	1.0	33.4	-2.1	32.6	-1.2	31.5	-0.6	32.2	-1.8	26.4	1.5	33.5	0.9	33.0	2.2	34.8	-1.7	33.7	-1.5
Aug	31.4	-2.5	30.6	2.0	31.9	-7.5	31.9	-7.8	30.5	-6.7	32.1	-1.2	30.3	-2.9	33.2	-0.6	31.9	-1.2	34.4	-0.6	32.1	-1.8
Sep	34.9	-0.6	33.0	0.3	36.3	-0.8	36.3	-0.5	35.1	-2.2	35.3	-0.3	34.2	-0.9	36.4	1.1	35.1	-1.1	36.6	-3.2	35.4	-2.5
Oct	30.5	-1.6	29.0	-1.4	32.5	-1.5	31.8	-3.3	30.9	-2.2	30.7	-1.0	29.5	-2.6	32.3	-3.0	30.8	-4.0	32.8	-3.5	32.3	-1.5
Nov	33.0	-4.6	29.3	-9.3	32.9	-9.9	30.9	-12.7	30.4	-13.6	34.6	-0.9	33.4	-2.1	32.5	-7.7	31.0	-9.6	31.8	-8.9	32.7	-7.1
Dec	34.5	-0.6	32.1	-1.8	36.2	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	35.1	0.0	34.2	0.9	35.4	0.0	34.0	-3.1	34.0	-2.9	34.8	-0.6
2003 Jan	34.0	-0.3	32.2	-1.5	35.5	0.3	33.0	-3.2	33.7	-1.2	34.6	-0.3	33.4	0.3	34.8	-0.3	33.7	-0.3	33.7	2.7	34.2	1.8
Feb	33.9	-0.3	32.7	0.0	35.0	0.6	33.0	-3.8	33.5	-0.9	34.5	-0.3	33.1	-0.6	34.4	0.0	32.9	-2.9	32.7	-0.3	32.9	-1.5
Mar	33.0	-1.2	32.8	-0.3	35.8	0.3	34.3	-0.9	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-1.8	33.2	-1.2	34.9	1.5	31.0	-2.2	33.4	1.8	33.4	-1.8
Apr	30.2	-13.0	29.0	-12.4	31.7	-11.5	30.9	-12.5	30.1	-13.3	30.3	-13.9	30.0	-12.3	31.2	-11.1	29.9	-12.3	30.0	-13.3	29.6	-14.5
May	34.5	-1.1	33.2	-0.6	35.8	-0.3	37.2	-0.5	34.9	0.9	34.6	-1.4	33.9	-1.2	35.5	-0.8	35.3	1.1	37.2	-1.8	35.0	-1.7
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Average:																						
Jan-May02	34.2		33.0		35.5		35.1		34.3		34.5		33.7		34.9		33.7		34.2		34.2	
Jan-May03	33.1		32.0		34.8		33.7		33.2		33.2		32.7		34.2		32.6		33.4		33.0	
% Change	-3.2		-3.0		-2.1		-4.2		-3.1		-3.6		-3.0		-2.2		-3.3		-2.3		-3.6	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.1 B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

		Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
		$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
	1993									377.6		1,194.9					
	1994									372.0	-1.5	1,248.3	4.5				
	1995									384.5	3.4	1,291.4	3.5				
	1996									401.6	4.4	1,352.4	4.7				
	1997	731.22		577.55		18.49		16.43		417.8	4.0	1,451.2	7.3	36.3		32.0	
	1998	752.32		581.06		18.96		16.58		408.9	-2.1	1,461.2	0.7	36.0		31.5	
	1999	760.87	1.1	590.55	1.6	19.16	1.1	16.77	1.1	396.5	-3.0	1,509.9	3.3	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
	2000	764.47	0.5	603.71	2.2	19.25	0.5	17.15	2.3	414.4	4.5	1,534.7	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
	2001	781.71	2.3	612.24	1.4	19.62	1.9	17.51	2.1	392.0	-5.4	1,550.4	1.0	36.2	-1.9	31.2	-3.4
	2002	787.15	0.7	637.75	4.2	19.89	1.4	18.25	4.2	399.0	1.8	1,574.4	1.5	35.8	-1.1	31.0	-0.6
2002	Jan	798.95	1.3	623.16	3.0	20.19	1.2	17.90	3.8	361.8	-5.1	1,537.8	1.2	35.9	-2.7	32.0	-0.9
	Feb	813.58	2.4	618.75	2.1	20.66	4.5	17.94	3.6	365.8	-5.5	1,537.9	0.0	36.2	-2.9	31.8	-1.5
	Mar	821.68	3.2	625.82	1.9	20.74	4.9	17.97	2.3	373.0	-5.8	1,547.6	-0.3	36.2	-3.5	32.0	-2.4
	Apr	809.16	4.3	634.44	2.5	20.44	4.6	18.16	2.8	376.6	-4.7	1,561.4	1.3	36.5	9.0	32.3	6.6
	May	805.43	5.3	637.07	2.7	20.17	4.0	18.18	2.4	390.1	-3.1	1,571.7	-0.8	38.0	1.1	32.3	0.9
	Jun	778.65	1.0	641.44	3.6	19.66	2.0	18.13	2.7	406.2	0.0	1,604.6	1.7	37.9	-0.8	32.3	0.6
	Jul	754.75	-1.4	639.21	5.6	19.00	0.1	18.12	4.5	424.7	2.6	1,598.3	2.0	36.2	-2.4	30.2	2.4
	Aug	759.65	-0.5	643.66	5.3	19.02	0.3	18.08	4.9	431.6	5.2	1,603.7	3.3	36.3	3.4	29.1	1.7
	Sep	761.58	-3.2	644.44	5.6	19.44	-1.0	18.40	5.0	422.5	5.1	1,598.1	3.6	37.1	-0.3	31.9	0.3
	Oct	771.16	-1.3	645.20	5.8	19.45	-1.8	18.61	5.9	423.4	9.1	1,579.1	2.8	31.9	-0.6	28.2	-1.7
	Nov	792.49	-1.1	650.00	5.5	20.11	-1.0	18.71	5.9	408.6	11.1	1,579.4	2.0	32.0	-11.1	28.6	-8.9
	Dec	793.99	-0.2	648.12	6.3	20.19	-0.3	18.76	6.7	403.2	14.3	1,573.8	1.8	36.1	-0.8	31.1	-2.5
2003	Jan	814.79	2.0	646.72	3.8	20.77	2.9	18.74	4.7	394.4	9.0	1,550.0	0.8	36.7	2.2	31.0	-3.1
	Feb	805.91	-0.9	647.82	4.7	20.40	-1.3	18.81	4.8	402.5	10.0	1,568.8	2.0	37.5	3.6	31.5	-0.9
	Mar	811.45	-1.2	648.86	3.7	20.46	-1.4	18.73	4.2	421.8	13.1	1,576.4	1.9	37.5	3.6	31.5	-1.6
	Apr	821.04	1.5	644.59	1.6	20.61	0.8	18.62	2.5	411.7	9.3	1,582.2	1.3	31.7	-13.2	28.3	-12.4
	May	814.95	1.2	649.08	1.9	20.52	1.7	18.57	2.1	431.4	10.6	1,584.2	0.8	37.4	-1.6	32.1	-0.6
	Jun																
	Jul																
	Aug																
	Sep																
	Oct																
	Nov																
	Dec																
Average:																	
Jan-May02		809.76		627.85		20.44		18.03		373.5		1,551.3		36.6		32.1	
Jan-May03		813.63		647.41		20.55		18.69		412.4		1,572.3		36.2		30.9	
% Change		0.5		3.1		0.5		3.7		10.4		1.4		-1.1		-3.7	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.2A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
1994												
1995												
1996												
1997	731.22		420.13		894.78		891.93		732.70		683.52	
1998	752.32		448.40		899.96		966.88		745.78		726.71	
1999	760.87	1.1	523.44	16.7	943.85	4.9	912.70	-5.6	752.92	1.0	703.72	-3.2
2000	764.47	0.5	444.25	-15.1	945.25	0.1	952.39	4.3	747.87	-0.7	735.53	4.5
2001	781.71	2.3	463.87	4.4	978.77	3.5	948.30	-0.4	760.11	1.6	789.31	7.3
2002	787.15	0.7	455.60	-1.8	954.17	-2.5	981.35	3.5	782.35	2.9	777.95	-1.4
2002 Jan	798.95	1.3	489.49	4.1	951.45	-6.3	874.00	-3.9	789.33	4.5	792.22	-1.2
Feb	813.58	2.4	520.51	5.0	932.22	-7.2	892.72	0.4	816.32	6.3	791.98	-2.7
Mar	821.68	3.2	515.04	0.4	955.68	-6.8	926.92	1.2	813.03	4.9	826.41	2.7
Apr	809.16	4.3	512.53	4.2	973.68	-0.5	898.32	-5.6	793.99	3.8	828.50	6.3
May	805.43	5.3	495.66	6.0	966.76	5.3	1024.55	5.5	787.18	5.9	822.50	4.3
Jun	778.65	1.0	429.50	-9.7	959.57	-4.4	1050.06	7.2	759.60	3.3	793.75	1.3
Jul	754.75	-1.4	435.51	1.8	915.05	-4.6	1043.49	4.0	741.36	-0.6	767.59	0.1
Aug	759.65	-0.5	424.72	-8.8	974.60	1.6	964.34	-8.7	761.27	3.9	745.14	-3.4
Sep	761.58	-3.2	431.45	-7.9	889.21	-7.3	965.12	2.6	782.18	2.7	730.42	-9.6
Oct	771.16	-1.3	452.04	4.7	949.72	-1.5	1010.51	9.3	769.78	-0.2	751.67	-1.9
Nov	792.49	-1.1	414.55	0.7	1000.89	-1.4	1091.60	19.4	784.81	-0.7	763.38	-3.9
Dec	793.99	-0.2	426.26	-3.2	987.40	3.9	1007.75	15.2	797.85	1.2	752.46	-6.2
2003 Jan	814.79	2.0	413.24	-15.6	966.58	1.6	1050.41	20.2	810.72	2.7	808.70	2.1
Feb	805.91	-0.9	434.51	-16.5	955.64	2.5	1002.61	12.3	797.68	-2.3	821.55	3.7
Mar	811.45	-1.2	472.28	-8.3	996.15	4.2	1080.61	16.6	794.78	-2.2	803.35	-2.8
Apr	821.04	1.5	444.01	-13.4	1061.44	9.0	1061.08	18.1	805.85	1.5	797.70	-3.7
May	814.95	1.2	460.86	-7.0	975.25	0.9	1030.88	0.6	817.48	3.8	780.98	-5.0
Jun												
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Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-May02	809.76		506.65		955.96		923.30		799.97		812.32	
Jan-May03	813.63		444.98		991.01		1045.12		805.30		802.46	
% Change	0.5		-12.2		3.7		13.2		0.7		-1.2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.2B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																				
1994																				
1995																				
1996																				
1997	577.55		698.91		488.36		588.80		729.15		737.44		602.04		315.19		785.62		610.70	
1998	581.06		719.69		480.92		628.57		748.58		723.86		609.43		327.95		765.87		618.35	
1999	590.55	1.6	732.75	1.8	501.74	4.3	621.67	-1.1	772.66	3.2	734.84	1.5	621.61	2.0	318.19	-3.0	790.98	3.3	625.22	1.1
2000	603.71	2.2	729.81	-0.4	489.50	-2.4	676.38	8.8	774.88	0.3	765.18	4.1	632.59	1.8	340.65	7.1	813.52	2.8	637.07	1.9
2001	612.24	1.4	769.81	5.5	486.24	-0.7	682.12	0.8	807.48	4.2	742.77	-2.9	660.47	4.4	345.47	1.4	824.16	1.3	645.70	1.4
2002	637.75	4.2	801.70	4.1	504.98	3.9	731.66	7.3	851.49	5.5	776.17	4.5	691.07	4.6	337.39	-2.3	891.09	8.1	667.51	3.4
2002 Jan	623.16	3.0	755.01	0.7	488.11	1.5	655.80	-3.8	803.66	6.5	764.20	3.8	676.78	2.8	331.35	25.3	862.08	6.0	656.05	2.4
Feb	618.75	2.1	782.19	2.4	469.93	-2.1	699.41	2.1	833.33	4.6	752.47	2.2	664.59	0.7	321.29	21.7	904.92	11.0	656.21	2.0
Mar	625.82	1.9	791.23	-2.4	502.66	6.2	700.09	3.6	826.84	-1.8	770.87	5.7	691.16	3.9	331.81	24.9	903.14	6.6	663.44	2.0
Apr	634.44	2.5	809.53	1.8	500.59	6.5	722.65	4.9	853.03	3.8	788.85	5.5	690.85	3.5	341.53	30.8	893.43	5.2	668.06	2.7
May	637.07	2.7	823.73	5.3	506.01	4.3	724.02	7.5	840.63	0.5	787.63	5.4	686.57	3.8	351.20	27.9	873.71	8.1	670.27	3.2
Jun	641.44	3.6	804.53	4.2	517.76	4.0	748.48	9.4	814.77	2.4	756.27	1.1	690.90	4.4	366.38	34.2	876.11	7.3	668.57	3.0
Jul	639.21	5.6	816.41	7.5	521.59	6.5	741.18	7.4	815.94	4.7	792.86	4.2	687.81	7.3	336.57	27.6	901.52	10.8	663.53	3.9
Aug	643.66	5.3	815.93	5.9	520.21	1.2	753.27	6.7	843.96	8.6	818.42	7.0	714.34	9.0	339.39	25.3	862.59	5.8	667.96	4.0
Sep	644.44	5.6	836.03	13.2	505.43	1.9	752.55	7.6	851.28	12.2	754.89	-0.2	703.96	6.6	315.26	16.4	887.86	11.6	668.84	3.6
Oct	645.20	5.8	797.76	3.1	500.22	2.6	736.15	8.4	900.43	13.9	785.96	7.6	685.49	3.0	333.25	25.7	899.70	10.1	671.53	4.3
Nov	650.00	5.5	789.82	1.7	512.26	5.0	781.88	16.6	912.16	5.8	772.73	6.9	704.31	5.6	331.82	27.0	913.49	9.5	678.18	4.2
Dec	648.12	6.3	792.04	6.8	507.60	7.7	751.25	16.1	925.82	5.7	777.88	4.8	695.21	4.9	346.98	32.7	916.22	6.0	676.45	5.1
2003 Jan	646.72	3.8	819.23	8.5	521.24	6.8	733.33	11.8	917.16	14.1	761.97	-0.3	694.53	2.6	338.02	2.0	890.10	3.3	679.52	3.6
Feb	647.82	4.7	860.36	10.0	517.40	10.1	729.63	4.3	902.73	8.3	733.93	-2.5	683.32	2.8	350.31	9.0	892.05	-1.4	679.14	3.5
Mar	648.86	3.7	807.26	2.0	513.78	2.2	760.09	8.6	844.95	2.2	764.90	-0.8	692.54	0.2	379.30	14.3	892.60	-1.2	682.00	2.8
Apr	644.59	1.6	780.31	-3.6	499.74	-0.2	749.48	3.7	877.68	2.9	768.02	-2.6	701.63	1.6	357.46	4.7	924.19	3.4	680.37	1.8
May	649.08	1.9	804.66	-2.3	514.18	1.6	747.84	3.3	868.27	3.3	805.62	2.3	681.62	-0.7	345.61	-1.6	906.52	3.8	684.33	2.1
Jun																				
Jul																				
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Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-May02	627.85		792.34		493.46		700.39		831.50		772.80		681.99		335.44		887.46		662.81	
Jan-May03	647.41		814.36		513.27		744.07		882.16		766.89		690.73		354.14		901.09		681.07	
% Change	3.1		2.8		4.0		6.2		6.1		-0.8		1.3		5.6		1.5		2.8	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3A ***B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE***

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
1994												
1995												
1996												
1997	18.49		11.48		21.41		23.58		18.46		17.80	
1998	18.96		12.03		21.20		25.27		18.88		18.59	
1999	19.16	1.1	13.77	14.5	21.91	3.3	24.03	-4.9	19.06	1.0	18.20	-2.1
2000	19.25	0.5	11.37	-17.4	22.71	3.7	24.74	3.0	18.90	-0.8	18.89	3.8
2001	19.62	1.9	11.93	4.9	22.94	1.0	24.81	0.3	19.22	1.7	19.98	5.8
2002	19.89	1.4	11.73	-1.7	22.35	-2.6	25.95	4.6	19.82	3.1	20.00	0.1
2002 Jan	20.19	1.2	12.30	-3.7	22.39	-8.0	23.27	-4.1	19.78	2.3	20.93	5.3
Feb	20.66	4.5	13.48	8.6	21.56	-7.5	23.65	-2.7	20.76	7.3	20.72	3.1
Mar	20.74	4.9	13.48	3.7	21.92	-6.0	25.31	2.6	20.54	6.6	21.44	4.3
Apr	20.44	4.6	13.91	11.2	23.16	1.8	24.00	-4.5	20.09	4.3	21.04	5.3
May	20.17	4.0	12.87	9.1	22.55	1.5	26.46	3.4	19.82	4.6	20.74	3.7
Jun	19.66	2.0	11.46	2.2	22.81	2.0	26.85	4.5	19.34	3.9	19.99	-0.6
Jul	19.00	0.1	11.18	2.4	21.16	-1.7	27.53	6.7	18.92	0.9	19.23	-0.1
Aug	19.02	0.3	10.23	-13.2	22.71	2.3	25.69	-0.6	19.21	4.0	18.81	-2.6
Sep	19.44	-1.0	10.70	-12.7	21.65	-5.7	25.92	6.4	19.79	3.1	19.30	-3.4
Oct	19.45	-1.8	11.16	-2.6	21.93	-7.0	26.92	12.6	19.56	0.2	19.25	-2.3
Nov	20.11	-1.0	10.88	-7.2	23.24	-1.5	28.51	21.6	20.01	-0.8	19.77	-3.5
Dec	20.19	-0.3	11.74	1.2	23.37	0.9	26.77	11.5	20.20	0.7	19.69	-4.1
2003 Jan	20.77	2.9	12.42	1.0	23.42	4.6	27.54	18.3	20.61	4.2	20.72	-1.0
Feb	20.40	-1.3	12.24	-9.2	23.47	8.9	26.71	12.9	20.15	-2.9	20.65	-0.3
Mar	20.46	-1.4	12.66	-6.1	23.57	7.5	27.44	8.4	20.19	-1.7	20.44	-4.7
Apr	20.61	0.8	12.07	-13.2	24.88	7.4	27.61	15.0	20.37	1.4	20.08	-4.6
May	20.52	1.7	11.56	-10.2	23.45	4.0	27.03	2.2	20.66	4.2	19.77	-4.7
Jun												
Jul												
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-May02	20.44		13.21		22.32		24.54		20.20		20.97	
Jan-May03	20.55		12.19		23.76		27.27		20.40		20.33	
% Change	0.5		-7.7		6.5		11.1		1.0		-3.1	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																				
1994																				
1995																				
1996																				
1997	16.43		18.17		13.55		16.11		19.02		22.52		18.46		10.10		21.16		16.87	
1998	16.58		18.64		13.57		17.22		19.59		22.16		18.65		10.40		20.92		17.10	
1999	16.77	1.1	19.00	1.9	14.07	3.7	17.02	-1.2	20.39	4.1	21.94	-1.0	18.89	1.3	10.27	-1.3	21.54	3.0	17.26	0.9
2000	17.15	2.3	18.69	-1.6	13.95	-0.9	18.40	8.1	20.29	-0.5	23.06	5.1	19.25	1.9	10.84	5.6	21.85	1.4	17.59	1.9
2001	17.51	2.1	19.98	6.9	13.94	-0.1	18.65	1.4	21.41	5.5	22.67	-1.7	20.17	4.8	10.97	1.2	22.51	3.0	17.93	1.9
2002	18.25	4.2	20.35	1.9	14.53	4.2	19.93	6.9	22.50	5.1	23.61	4.1	21.06	4.4	11.15	1.6	23.95	6.4	18.58	3.6
2002 Jan	17.90	3.8	19.39	1.4	14.28	3.7	17.92	-4.1	21.09	5.1	23.57	5.0	20.72	3.7	10.81	-2.6	23.35	6.9	18.33	3.1
Feb	17.94	3.6	20.13	3.5	13.74	-1.6	18.99	-0.4	21.80	5.8	23.76	5.9	20.40	2.0	10.97	-0.4	24.20	9.5	18.46	3.7
Mar	17.97	2.3	19.71	-3.8	14.50	5.0	19.41	4.1	22.14	3.5	23.45	2.9	20.63	1.6	11.12	-0.1	24.24	7.9	18.50	2.8
Apr	18.16	2.8	20.41	-1.8	14.42	4.0	19.64	5.0	22.64	5.0	23.78	3.1	20.77	2.4	11.22	2.3	24.17	6.9	18.60	3.1
May	18.18	2.4	20.45	0.6	14.53	4.9	19.60	4.9	22.26	0.5	23.79	3.7	20.88	3.4	11.45	0.1	23.58	4.8	18.58	2.7
Jun	18.13	2.7	20.50	1.0	14.53	2.8	20.06	7.7	21.71	1.9	22.19	-1.6	21.07	5.1	11.76	5.5	23.58	4.5	18.44	2.5
Jul	18.12	4.5	20.28	0.5	14.76	5.7	20.69	11.1	21.93	2.1	22.79	1.2	21.17	6.8	11.09	1.2	24.04	6.3	18.31	3.6
Aug	18.08	4.9	20.52	2.5	14.71	2.1	20.17	7.0	22.35	6.6	23.10	5.5	21.45	7.1	10.90	1.6	23.35	4.3	18.28	3.9
Sep	18.40	5.0	21.02	7.1	14.57	4.4	20.09	4.9	22.29	7.5	23.21	1.3	21.51	5.6	10.74	-2.1	23.87	6.9	18.62	3.7
Oct	18.61	5.9	20.55	1.1	14.51	5.4	20.41	10.0	23.44	9.8	24.46	6.8	21.35	5.2	11.11	3.0	24.04	7.2	18.78	4.3
Nov	18.71	5.9	20.45	2.7	14.86	6.4	21.01	13.9	23.94	5.8	24.44	9.9	21.47	5.2	11.19	5.1	24.41	7.6	18.99	4.6
Dec	18.76	6.7	20.59	8.0	14.78	7.4	20.76	17.8	24.56	7.8	24.53	6.2	21.26	4.5	11.37	5.8	24.58	4.2	19.04	5.4
2003 Jan	18.74	4.7	20.81	7.3	15.11	5.8	20.06	11.9	24.27	15.1	24.18	2.6	21.64	4.4	11.43	5.7	24.13	3.3	19.14	4.4
Feb	18.81	4.8	21.57	7.2	15.02	9.3	20.27	6.7	24.02	10.2	23.63	-0.5	21.37	4.8	11.35	3.5	23.96	-1.0	19.13	3.6
Mar	18.73	4.2	20.60	4.5	14.90	2.8	20.51	5.7	23.05	4.1	24.15	3.0	21.40	3.7	11.93	7.3	23.92	-1.3	19.09	3.2
Apr	18.62	2.5	20.34	-0.3	14.48	0.4	20.30	3.4	23.63	4.4	24.38	2.5	21.52	3.6	11.38	1.4	24.44	1.1	19.03	2.3
May	18.57	2.1	20.27	-0.9	14.85	2.2	19.88	1.4	22.82	2.5	24.27	2.0	21.49	2.9	11.23	-1.9	23.79	0.9	18.99	2.2
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Average:																				
Jan-May02	18.03		20.02		14.29		19.11		21.99		23.67		20.68		11.11		23.91		18.49	
Jan-May03	18.69		20.72		14.87		20.20		23.56		24.12		21.48		11.46		24.05		19.08	
% Change	3.7		3.5		4.0		5.7		7.2		1.9		3.9		3.1		0.6		3.1	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing: Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied		Construction	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	384.5		34.3		25.8		6.3		12.3		179.2		22.2		49.2		21.6		114.2	
1994	401.6	4.4	30.7	-10.5	30.7	19.0	6.2	-1.6	12.0	-2.4	183.7	2.5	26.8	20.7	49.7	1.0	21.0	-2.8	125.6	10.0
1995	405.4	0.9	25.6	-16.6	36.3	18.2	4.5	-27.4	14.2	18.3	188.7	2.7	22.1	-17.5	43.4	-12.7	23.8	13.3	125.1	-0.4
1996	410.2	1.2	30.1	17.6	32.1	-11.6	5.1	13.3	17.5	23.2	195.1	3.4	24.4	10.4	43.8	0.9	22.9	-3.8	119.5	-4.5
1997	417.8	1.9	33.2	10.3	32.6	1.6	5.4	5.9	16.5	-5.7	197.0	1.0	25.5	4.5	44.8	2.3	22.9	0.0	122.9	2.8
1998	408.9	-2.1	33.1	-0.3	29.8	-8.6	3.5	-35.2	17.3	4.8	196.0	-0.5	25.8	1.2	43.6	-2.7	22.5	-1.7	117.7	-4.2
1999	396.5	-3.0	28.6	-13.6	30.2	1.3	4.0	14.3	14.8	-14.5	192.2	-1.9	21.7	-15.9	42.0	-3.7	22.3	-0.9	115.3	-2.0
2000	414.4	4.5	29.7	3.8	37.1	22.8	4.8	20.0	13.4	-9.5	205.4	6.9	23.7	9.2	46.5	10.7	17.7	-20.6	112.5	-2.4
2001	392.0	-5.4	25.9	-12.8	26.1	-29.6	5.4	12.5	11.8	-11.9	196.2	-4.5	26.2	10.5	49.5	6.5	15.0	-15.3	114.9	2.1
2002	399.0	1.8	30.1	16.2	25.9	-0.8	3.3	-38.9	9.7	-17.8	196.9	0.4	27.0	3.1	44.7	-9.7	16.7	11.3	120.6	5.0
2002 Jan	361.8	-5.1	21.8	5.8	21.3	-29.5	2.8	12.0	12.4	-1.6	179.8	-13.5	18.0	-33.6	41.9	-18.2	16.3	30.4	110.8	13.9
Feb	365.8	-5.5	20.9	-19.0	23.9	-18.4	1.7	-58.5	11.6	9.4	186.9	-6.3	21.5	-17.3	47.1	-11.8	17.6	23.9	109.7	2.1
Mar	373.0	-5.8	23.4	-11.0	25.0	3.3	2.1	-76.4	11.2	10.9	191.5	-6.0	20.2	-31.5	50.3	-7.2	21.1	45.5	107.5	-4.4
Apr	376.6	-4.7	24.9	-7.8	22.0	3.8	2.5	-66.7	9.3	13.4	194.8	-4.5	20.0	-30.6	48.4	-1.4	19.0	20.3	111.9	-2.0
May	390.1	-3.1	29.1	19.8	24.2	-0.8	2.3	-71.3	8.8	-12.9	192.1	-5.0	22.4	-24.3	48.3	-4.4	19.4	9.0	119.6	-0.6
Jun	406.2	0.0	32.8	28.6	23.1	-2.5	2.6	-60.0	9.6	-18.6	202.7	0.0	28.7	-5.3	44.8	-5.9	18.1	-3.2	121.7	-1.2
Jul	424.7	2.6	35.0	24.1	26.2	-7.4	3.0	-49.2	10.5	-5.4	207.5	4.8	32.9	30.0	45.1	-12.9	16.7	-6.7	129.8	0.2
Aug	431.6	5.2	38.4	18.5	28.5	-5.9	4.9	-3.9	8.2	-34.9	206.4	5.0	34.7	23.9	44.0	-12.5	14.0	-12.5	133.2	10.6
Sep	422.5	5.1	37.3	30.4	29.8	1.0	4.1	-6.8	8.8	-39.7	202.4	3.2	36.7	49.8	40.8	-17.2	15.5	21.1	127.9	9.3
Oct	423.4	9.1	35.0	34.1	29.7	8.4	5.4	54.3	9.4	-31.4	200.3	7.1	31.6	30.0	41.0	-13.0	15.3	18.6	132.3	11.7
Nov	408.6	11.1	30.9	26.1	28.5	21.8	4.3	0.0	8.2	-37.4	200.3	13.0	29.2	43.1	41.0	-4.4	12.9	-4.4	124.2	8.4
Dec	403.2	14.3	31.6	45.0	28.6	33.6	4.2	7.7	8.5	-31.5	198.5	10.3	26.0	27.5	43.4	-6.3	14.7	6.5	118.7	14.6
2003 Jan	394.4	9.0	28.5	30.7	28.8	35.2	6.4	128.6	7.6	-38.7	196.5	9.3	27.4	52.2	43.4	3.6	18.3	12.3	114.5	3.3
Feb	402.5	10.0	30.4	45.5	28.3	18.4	4.0	135.3	12.2	5.2	201.2	7.7	28.9	34.4	49.9	5.9	15.8	-10.2	112.9	2.9
Mar	421.8	13.1	36.1	54.3	29.0	16.0	4.1	95.2	15.5	38.4	207.6	8.4	27.2	34.7	50.7	0.8	15.5	-26.5	115.0	7.0
Apr	411.7	9.3	33.3	33.7	26.9	22.3	2.3	-8.0	14.6	57.0	208.7	7.1	30.0	50.0	51.8	7.0	14.5	-23.7	111.5	-0.4
May	431.4	10.6	35.3	21.3	27.8	14.9	2.4	4.3	18.5	110.2	212.8	10.8	32.0	42.9	52.8	9.3	14.2	-26.8	119.9	0.3
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Average:																				
Jan-May02	373.5		24.0		23.3		2.3		10.7		189.0		20.4		47.2		18.7		111.9	
Jan-May03	412.4		32.7		28.2		3.8		13.7		205.4		29.1		49.7		15.7		114.8	
% Change	10.4		36.2		21.0		68.4		28.3		8.6		42.5		5.3		-16.2		2.6	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	1,291.4		100.6		275.2		113.9		700.4		112.6		164.3		121.4		101.3		1,675.9	
1994	1,352.4	4.7	99.1	-1.5	289.4	5.2	118.0	3.6	745.8	6.5	120.4	6.9	170.8	4.0	129.2	6.4	100.1	-1.2	1,754.0	4.7
1995	1,386.9	2.6	96.8	-2.3	299.8	3.6	117.9	-0.1	768.6	3.1	123.3	2.4	176.6	3.4	135.2	4.6	103.8	3.7	1,792.3	2.2
1996	1,411.0	1.7	99.1	2.4	294.3	-1.8	123.6	4.8	787.0	2.4	117.6	-4.6	183.4	3.9	142.8	5.6	107.0	3.1	1,821.2	1.6
1997	1,451.2	2.8	109.2	10.2	301.5	2.4	127.1	2.8	814.0	3.4	121.9	3.7	189.6	3.4	145.4	1.8	99.5	-7.0	1,869.0	2.6
1998	1,461.2	0.7	106.2	-2.7	294.3	-2.4	122.7	-3.5	845.2	3.8	120.2	-1.4	194.6	2.6	151.9	4.5	93.1	-6.4	1,870.2	0.1
1999	1,509.9	3.3	117.9	11.0	308.5	4.8	119.9	-2.3	873.0	3.3	127.5	6.1	195.2	0.3	152.7	0.5	90.4	-2.9	1,906.4	1.9
2000	1,534.7	1.6	114.4	-3.0	303.2	-1.7	119.5	-0.3	907.9	4.0	134.9	5.8	202.1	3.5	164.0	7.4	89.7	-0.8	1,949.1	2.2
2001	1,550.4	1.0	106.9	-6.6	309.5	2.1	116.2	-2.8	929.0	2.3	135.7	0.6	203.8	0.8	170.6	4.0	88.8	-1.0	1,942.4	-0.3
2002	1,574.4	1.5	110.1	3.0	319.0	3.1	118.9	2.3	941.8	1.4	139.7	2.9	217.3	6.6	171.0	0.2	84.7	-4.6	1,973.4	1.6
2002 Jan	1,537.8	1.2	103.6	-1.6	303.4	1.2	115.6	-5.9	931.9	3.0	145.1	3.6	215.3	10.9	168.7	2.4	83.4	-4.0	1,899.6	-0.1
Feb	1,537.9	0.0	106.1	0.2	304.2	3.3	111.7	-9.0	937.3	0.9	142.2	-1.5	210.2	11.6	174.4	-3.5	78.6	-9.7	1,903.7	-1.2
Mar	1,547.6	-0.3	101.6	-8.6	299.3	-2.2	110.0	-7.1	954.3	2.8	142.9	6.3	211.4	3.1	180.8	2.9	82.3	-6.1	1,920.6	-1.4
Apr	1,561.4	1.3	104.4	-3.6	317.1	6.4	108.2	-11.3	953.0	3.1	147.7	7.9	216.3	8.9	179.9	6.1	78.9	-11.0	1,938.1	0.1
May	1,571.7	-0.8	107.7	0.9	321.8	2.6	111.5	-5.7	948.7	0.0	139.7	0.9	213.6	1.9	178.7	1.0	82.1	-14.8	1,961.8	-1.2
Jun	1,604.6	1.7	112.4	5.3	320.0	5.0	118.9	-0.7	967.8	1.3	143.6	8.1	218.7	3.5	176.7	4.0	85.4	-6.7	2,010.7	1.3
Jul	1,598.3	2.0	115.8	7.5	328.2	6.6	118.8	2.9	945.5	0.0	119.4	5.9	222.4	4.3	179.8	0.6	90.0	-1.0	2,023.0	2.1
Aug	1,603.7	3.3	111.7	2.5	331.2	5.1	123.5	4.3	947.3	3.2	123.5	10.5	218.0	4.7	173.9	-1.3	90.0	-2.6	2,035.3	3.7
Sep	1,598.1	3.6	119.7	7.7	325.4	3.9	123.9	11.6	939.9	1.9	144.0	5.6	218.0	6.8	163.7	1.2	89.1	5.2	2,020.6	3.9
Oct	1,579.1	2.8	114.4	7.4	320.1	2.5	128.4	15.6	929.1	0.8	141.6	0.3	223.8	13.5	160.2	-2.7	87.0	3.6	2,002.5	4.1
Nov	1,579.4	2.0	111.0	4.2	324.5	-0.2	127.8	20.3	931.7	1.1	139.8	-6.8	220.9	8.8	161.1	2.7	84.4	-5.1	1,987.9	3.8
Dec	1,573.8	1.8	112.9	15.0	332.3	2.6	128.9	18.7	915.1	-1.6	147.2	-1.3	219.6	3.5	154.7	-9.8	84.8	-1.7	1,977.0	4.1
2003 Jan	1,550.0	0.8	114.1	10.1	320.7	5.7	128.4	11.1	904.7	-2.9	155.3	7.0	207.5	-3.6	156.4	-7.3	82.2	-1.4	1,944.5	2.4
Feb	1,568.8	2.0	115.6	9.0	312.9	2.9	127.9	14.5	924.2	-1.4	161.3	13.4	211.8	0.8	158.1	-9.3	88.2	12.2	1,971.3	3.6
Mar	1,576.4	1.9	116.9	15.1	312.1	4.3	127.7	16.1	935.7	-1.9	158.6	11.0	211.6	0.1	161.1	-10.9	84.0	2.1	1,998.2	4.0
Apr	1,582.2	1.3	111.7	7.0	318.4	0.4	128.9	19.1	941.9	-1.2	155.1	5.0	214.5	-0.8	157.6	-12.4	81.2	2.9	1,993.9	2.9
May	1,584.2	0.8	117.8	9.4	313.8	-2.5	119.8	7.4	947.9	-0.1	148.4	6.2	210.9	-1.3	159.4	-10.8	84.7	3.2	2,015.6	2.7
Jun																				
Jul																				
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Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-May02	1,551.3		104.7		309.2		111.4		945.0		143.5		213.4		176.5		81.1		1,924.8	
Jan-May03	1,572.3		115.2		315.6		126.5		930.9		155.7		211.3		158.5		84.1		1,984.7	
% Change	1.4		10.1		2.1		13.6		-1.5		8.5		-1.0		-10.2		3.7		3.1	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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3.5A **B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED***

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	36.8		39.6		38.5		34.9		36.4		36.0	
1994	36.8	0.0	37.0	-6.6	38.8	0.8	35.2	0.9	37.0	1.6	35.9	-0.3
1995	36.3	-1.4	37.4	1.1	39.0	0.5	34.3	-2.6	36.6	-1.1	34.6	-3.6
1996	36.3	0.0	38.6	3.2	37.7	-3.3	33.1	-3.5	36.4	-0.5	35.1	1.4
1997	36.3	0.0	36.8	-4.7	38.4	1.9	35.7	7.9	36.2	-0.5	35.2	0.3
1998	36.0	-0.8	38.4	4.3	38.8	1.0	34.4	-3.6	35.8	-1.1	34.7	-1.4
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.3	38.9	0.3	32.8	-4.7	36.7	2.5	34.0	-2.0
2000	36.9	1.9	37.8	0.8	37.2	-4.4	35.6	8.5	37.5	2.2	35.5	4.4
2001	36.2	-1.9	38.5	1.9	37.7	1.3	34.2	-3.9	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.6
2002	35.8	-1.1	36.7	-4.7	37.9	0.5	33.8	-1.2	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2002 Jan	35.9	-2.7	29.4	-24.6	39.1	8.9	35.5	-9.9	37.6	1.6	33.3	-8.5
Feb	36.2	-2.9	29.0	-21.8	40.4	2.0	33.8	-14.2	37.5	0.0	34.1	-4.7
Mar	36.2	-3.5	33.3	-15.3	41.4	4.3	34.7	-13.3	36.4	-1.9	34.9	-4.4
Apr	36.5	9.0	36.0	-7.2	34.9	8.7	33.2	2.2	37.0	10.1	36.6	11.6
May	38.0	1.1	38.5	-2.8	38.9	-5.4	37.4	8.7	38.3	2.1	37.0	0.8
Jun	37.9	-0.8	37.4	-13.6	38.1	-14.0	39.1	9.2	37.7	0.0	38.0	5.3
Jul	36.2	-2.4	39.1	-5.1	39.0	1.8	29.5	-8.7	35.0	-5.4	37.1	1.9
Aug	36.3	3.4	43.0	9.1	35.1	-4.4	31.1	-13.4	34.9	1.5	37.3	8.7
Sep	37.1	-0.3	39.5	7.6	42.8	3.6	35.7	4.7	36.9	0.0	35.1	-4.1
Oct	31.9	-0.6	38.2	5.8	32.4	3.5	30.0	21.0	31.4	-3.7	31.0	-1.0
Nov	32.0	-11.1	35.6	-0.6	34.4	-0.9	29.8	-13.4	32.0	-13.3	30.6	-13.1
Dec	36.1	-0.8	32.9	-4.6	38.4	3.5	33.7	11.2	37.4	0.8	34.3	-4.5
2003 Jan	36.7	2.2	31.4	6.8	40.5	3.6	38.1	7.3	37.9	0.8	34.2	2.7
Feb	37.5	3.6	33.8	16.6	42.3	4.7	37.2	10.1	37.9	1.1	35.9	5.3
Mar	37.5	3.6	34.1	2.4	40.6	-1.9	34.5	-0.6	37.3	2.5	37.8	8.3
Apr	31.7	-13.2	32.5	-9.7	30.7	-12.0	33.0	-0.6	32.5	-12.2	30.2	-17.5
May	37.4	-1.6	40.0	3.9	36.4	-6.4	35.9	-4.0	37.4	-2.3	37.3	0.8
Jun												
Jul												
Aug												
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Oct												
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Dec												
Average:												
Jan-May02	36.6		33.2		38.9		34.9		37.4		35.2	
Jan-May03	36.2		34.4		38.1		35.7		36.6		35.1	
% Change	-1.1		3.4		-2.2		2.3		-2.0		-0.3	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.			
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	32.2		36.5		32.7		34.0		35.2		28.5		29.2		30.3		32.9		33.2	
1994	32.2	0.0	36.6	0.3	32.7	0.0	32.9	-3.2	35.1	-0.3	29.4	3.2	29.6	1.4	30.7	1.3	32.6	-0.9	33.2	0.0
1995	32.2	0.0	36.2	-1.1	32.5	-0.6	32.8	-0.3	35.4	0.9	30.3	3.1	29.7	0.3	30.0	-2.3	33.3	2.1	33.1	-0.3
1996	32.2	0.0	35.6	-1.7	33.0	1.5	33.3	1.5	36.4	2.8	29.8	-1.7	29.3	-1.3	29.3	-2.3	33.1	-0.6	33.1	0.0
1997	32.0	-0.6	36.2	1.7	33.2	0.6	33.8	1.5	35.3	-3.0	29.2	-2.0	29.3	0.0	29.4	0.3	33.1	0.0	33.0	-0.3
1998	31.5	-1.6	35.6	-1.7	31.9	-3.9	33.5	-0.9	34.5	-2.3	27.9	-4.5	28.6	-2.4	30.4	3.4	32.7	-1.2	32.5	-1.5
1999	31.5	0.0	35.3	-0.8	31.7	-0.6	32.9	-1.8	35.1	1.7	27.8	-0.4	29.6	3.5	29.7	-2.3	33.0	0.9	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.5	32.1	1.3	33.8	2.7	35.5	1.1	29.6	6.5	30.6	3.4	29.9	0.7	34.3	3.9	33.3	2.5
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.1	-3.1	32.7	-3.3	33.8	-4.8	28.6	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	-0.3	31.7	-7.6	32.2	-3.3
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	0.0	33.3	1.8	33.9	0.3	28.9	1.0	29.2	1.0	28.1	-5.7	33.1	4.4	32.0	-0.6
2002 Jan	32.0	-0.9	36.5	-0.5	31.5	1.6	34.7	4.5	36.4	6.1	31.8	-5.4	30.6	0.0	28.3	-3.7	32.6	-5.2	32.7	-1.8
Feb	31.8	-1.5	34.6	-5.2	31.6	0.0	36.2	9.4	35.3	-1.1	31.0	-5.2	29.6	-2.6	28.8	-4.0	34.7	1.5	32.7	-1.8
Mar	32.0	-2.4	33.8	-8.4	32.8	3.1	35.1	2.9	36.0	-2.7	31.8	2.6	31.0	1.6	28.1	-7.3	33.6	-7.4	32.9	-2.4
Apr	32.3	6.6	36.5	9.6	31.7	3.9	35.2	12.5	36.8	4.8	32.8	21.5	30.1	9.5	27.8	-6.4	36.0	30.9	33.1	6.8
May	32.3	0.9	37.2	6.6	32.6	2.5	34.8	3.6	34.3	0.9	32.2	2.5	30.4	0.3	28.3	-5.7	34.7	8.8	33.4	0.9
Jun	32.3	0.6	36.0	5.0	32.6	0.3	33.6	0.3	34.5	0.6	32.1	0.3	29.0	-4.0	29.8	-3.9	35.6	8.9	33.4	0.3
Jul	30.2	2.4	36.9	8.2	30.4	-0.7	33.0	-1.2	32.3	1.9	19.9	43.2	27.5	-1.4	28.6	-5.9	33.1	5.4	31.4	1.0
Aug	29.1	1.7	34.8	0.3	30.8	4.4	32.3	6.6	31.8	4.6	15.2	7.0	28.1	2.9	29.6	-5.1	27.6	6.2	30.6	2.0
Sep	31.9	0.3	36.1	2.3	31.5	-1.6	33.6	3.1	34.6	4.8	31.4	-5.1	30.3	5.2	27.5	-10.1	34.0	13.7	33.0	0.3
Oct	28.2	-1.7	31.4	-6.8	28.0	-4.1	30.0	2.7	30.0	2.4	26.9	0.0	27.1	3.4	26.2	-8.4	29.5	0.0	29.0	-1.4
Nov	28.6	-8.9	29.8	-17.7	28.8	-9.4	29.9	-8.6	31.0	-9.1	27.9	-10.3	27.2	-4.9	26.5	-4.0	31.5	-5.1	29.3	-9.3
Dec	31.1	-2.5	34.6	-6.5	31.4	0.3	32.0	-9.6	33.8	-7.4	30.6	0.0	29.4	1.7	27.3	-5.9	34.9	5.1	32.1	-1.8
2003 Jan	31.0	-3.1	34.6	-5.2	30.6	-2.9	35.3	1.7	33.8	-7.1	30.4	-4.4	28.5	-6.9	26.7	-5.7	35.9	10.1	32.2	-1.5
Feb	31.5	-0.9	34.7	0.3	30.9	-2.2	34.8	-3.9	35.7	1.1	30.2	-2.6	28.9	-2.4	28.1	-2.4	35.3	1.7	32.7	0.0
Mar	31.5	-1.6	37.1	9.8	30.6	-6.7	34.2	-2.6	35.1	-2.5	27.6	-13.2	28.7	-7.4	29.7	5.7	34.3	2.1	32.8	-0.3
Apr	28.3	-12.4	31.9	-12.6	28.7	-9.5	28.6	-18.8	30.8	-16.3	26.0	-20.7	26.3	-12.6	28.8	3.6	30.2	-16.1	29.0	-12.4
May	32.1	-0.6	38.0	2.2	31.3	-4.0	33.8	-2.9	36.1	5.2	31.4	-2.5	27.9	-8.2	30.5	7.8	35.1	1.2	33.2	-0.6
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Average:																				
Jan-May02	32.1		35.7		32.0		35.2		35.8		31.9		30.3		28.3		34.3		33.0	
Jan-May03	30.9		35.3		30.4		33.3		34.3		29.1		28.1		28.8		34.2		32.0	
% Change	-3.7		-1.3		-5.1		-5.3		-4.1		-8.8		-7.5		1.8		-0.5		-3.0	

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B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions and comments should be directed to Linda Coldwell at (250) 356-2328 or Linda.Coldwell@gems3.gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Deptartment of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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